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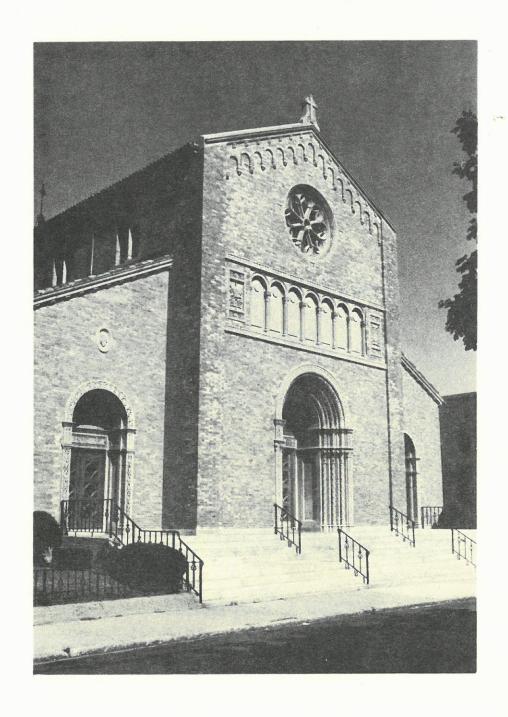
Parish Reunion and Dinner Dance

Sunday Evening, October 22, 1978

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"And I say to thee, thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

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Dear Parishoners and Friends,

In observing the Golden Anniversary of our Parish, we must celebrate in a very special way the countless favors that God has shown to the people of St. Anthony's. In this cradle of warmth, guided by devoted and dedicated priests, so many people have been able to find faith and fulfillment of their hope for heaven. In this, God has indeed been good.

It is right at this time to also celebrate the courage and perservering hope by which the first parishoners began the building of this parish. If we have a sense of justified pride in our parish today, we have to honor the many sacrifices they made and the difficulties they overcame to leave us this wonderful heritage. Down through the years other parishoners have shown equal devotion to St. Anthony's by their cooperation and many hours of dedicated work.

I am truly grateful to those parishoners who have labored with me to mark the 50th Anniversary of St. Anthony's. During these weeks of preparation they not only gave their time and energies unselfishly, but also made me aware of the deep love they have for our parish.

Fifty proud years have passed. With God's help and similar devotion asshown in the past, I look for even greater favors to St. Anthony's and her people.

Devotedly in Christ,

Rev. Michael Jarro CS: Pastor



In Memory of Pape Iohn Paul I

during whose reign this anniversary book was prepared

Perserverance Brought The Dream To A Reality

Saint Anthony's Church is a visible testimonial to those humble Italians who first migrated to Everett. Never did they falter in their simple desire to build a Church in which they could worship in their native language. The task which they undertook was monumental, but with faith and sacrifice, they succeeded.

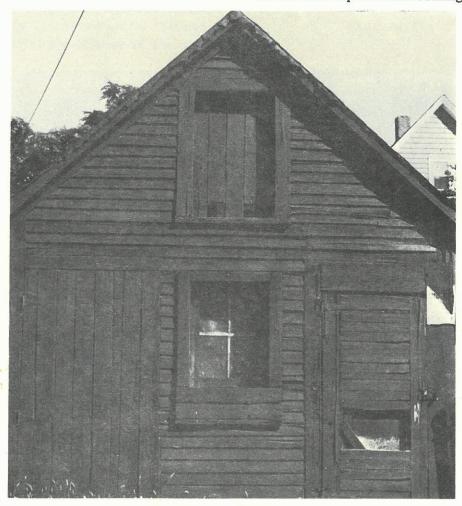
On this joyous and momentous occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Anthony's Parish it is fitting to reflect upon the past, happy, productive fifty years. Although many changes have taken place in the parish, it is hoped that the spirit and dedication that led to the building of St. Anthony's are still alive in its parishioners today.

The cultural shock to the Italians who immigrated to America was traumatic. The country was so unlike their native land, and the language and customs were alien. In order

to live a life similar to that which they had left, the Italians banded together. They formed communities within communities, and fraternal organizations were established. St. Anthony's Church evolved from such a fraternal organization.

At the turn of the century, Italians living in Boston began seeking less congested areas in which to live. Some moved to Everett, Gradually, their numbers increased. A common Catholic faith led them to gather together and form the St. Anthony's Society. Here, their sacred traditions and customs of the old country lived again.

A deep religious conviction had been instilled in these people. But, unless they walked or rode by horse to the North End, they could not become totally involved with the Church. Because of the distance to Boston and the language barrier, many did not attend. But help was forthcoming.



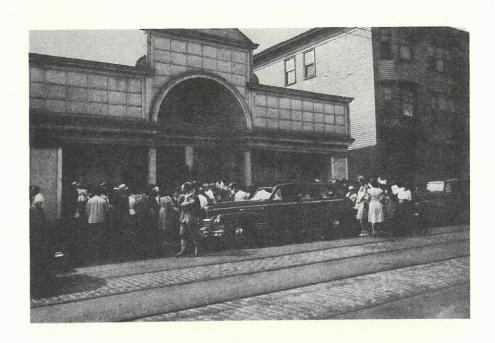
Father Riley from the Immaculate Conception Church sent Father Hickey, a priest who had been trained in Italy, and who spoke Italian fluently, to the "Village" area of Everett. A great many Italians who came to Everett settled there. With Father Hickey came Father Bonner and the then Father Hartigan. These three dedicated men ministered to the needs of the people. Classes and services were held in the Mattuchio barn on Kelvin Street. A small chapel was constructed, and many of the first parishioners of St. Anthony's received their First Holy Communion there under lantern light.

However, this was not adequate enough. There were Italian families scattered throughout the city. Inspired by the need to fill the religious void, the increasing Italian population of Everett under the leadership of Orazio Rocco, Antonio Dragone, and Celestino Pierotti appealed to the late Cardinal O'Connell to establish an Italian Parish in

Everett. Because the need was so evident, the request was granted. A sum of money donated by the Italians of Everett was deposited in a Boston Bank. The dream was becoming a reality.

The decree establishing the new parish was signed in 1927. The parish was assigned to the Pious Society of St. Charles Borromeo, a missionary organization devoted to the spiritual and temporal welfare of immigrants. Reverend Lino Buggini, from the Sacred Heart Church in the North End, was sent to care for the Italians of the new parish and find them a Church. At first, Father commuted from Boston to Everett.

Without a Church or a rectory from which to work, organizational meetings were held in various homes. A search began for both an apartment for Father Buggini and a building



from which a Church might be created. But housing was scarce. At various times, when the committee thought they could become settled, they had to vacate for one reason or another.

However, with perserverance, the tides of Fortune were reversed. During the latter part of 1927, the old Broadway Theatre was rented. Under the supervision of a committee led by Celestino Pierotti and Accurzio Indelicato, the hall was repaired, the seats refurbished, and the altar installed on the old stage. On Palm Sunday, April 1, 1928, the first Mass was offered. Thus, the dream became a reality!

Father Buggini's task was a difficult one. The Church had to serve as a social and cultural center as well as a place of worship. But, with the work and the enthusiasm of the parishioners, the Church prospered.

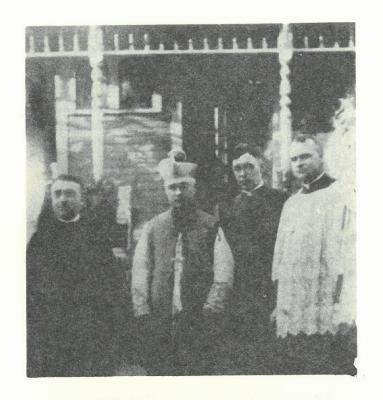
With the advent of the Depression in 1929, disaster could have struck. However, the sacrifices of the parishioners and the zeal of the pastor and his aide Father Agostino Innarone and the first curate Father William Pizzoglio prevented the collapse of the new

parish. Despite the Depression, the parish continued to grow. Membership increased, and activities were added. St. Anthony's Band was organized. The Knights of St. Anthony was formed, and the baseball and the basketball teams became known throughout New England. In addition, the Holy Name Society, the Tabernacle Society, the Christian Mothers and other organizations were expanding.

1932 was a memorable year for St. Anthony's. Despite the financial situation of the city and the nation, the late Cardinal O'Connell was induced into granting permission for the Church to be remodeled at a cost of \$6000. The beloved simple edifice on Broadway served the Italians of Everett until 1950, when a new Church was constructed on Oakes Street.

During the same year, the first permanent rectory was established with the purchase of a house at 38 Oakes Street. The garage was remodeled to serve as a meeting hall and parish center.





An event of historical significance also occurred. On October 10, 1932, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the new consecrated Bishop Francis J. Spellman. The then Bishop Spellman came directly from his consecration in Rome to St. Anthony's, and by administering his first Confirmation, he also performed his first duties as Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Father John Peona succeeded Father Buggini in 1933. In addition to founding the Catholic Women's Club, he began the New Church Fund. This fund was created out of the desire of the people for a larger and more elaborate Church. Upon his death, the people through varied activities and donations had contributed approximately \$125,000 toward the building of a new Church.





His influence extended beyond the limits of the parish. He was instrumental in having the Italian language offered at Everett High School and he campaigned to organize the Italian World War Veterans.



On the death of Father John, his curate, Father Natale Addenino succeeded him as pastor in 1944. Father's energies were divided between the needs of the parish and the re-adjustment of the homecoming war veterans. Under his guidance, the New Church Fund expanded, and the people became more anxious for their new Church. In 1946, Father Natale passed on.



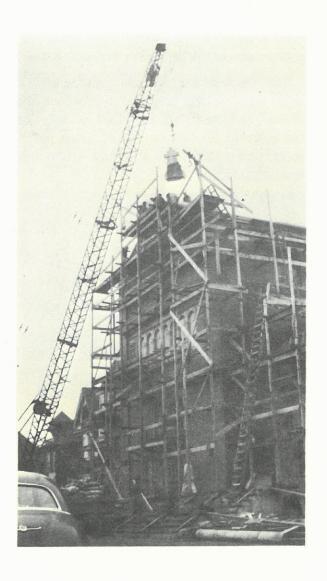
The parish was ready to enter its period of greatest material development. The children of the early workers of the parish were eager to continue on with their parent's dreams. It was a time of prosperity! It was a time of action!

The new pastor Father Corrado Martellozzo quickly sensed the spirit of his parishioners. Through the willingness of the people to work diligently toward the physical growth of the parish, the New Church Fund grew quickly and more property was acquired. In order to provide more facilities

for the youth, the Knights of Columbus Building on Corey Street was purchased. Church Organizations were reorganized and membership grew. The rectory was also remodeled.

However, the primary objective of his tenure was the building of a new Church, a school, and a convent. Untiringly, the people of the parish worked to raise the necessary funds. Banquets, Minstrel Shows, Whist Parties, Dances, and Bazaars were run to make possible the building program.







As in the beginning, the perserverance of the people brought the dream to reality. On September 9, 1951, the new house of worship, adjacent to the rectory, was jubilantly dedicated. Italians, as well as others, in a few short years, had seen their Church evolve from a renovated theatre into a grand edifice, all for the glory of God.

In 1952, an honor was bestowed upon the parish. The General Superior of the Pious Society of St. Charles Borromeo announced the appointment of Father Corrado to the position of Provincial of the Eastern Province.

In the fifties under the leadership of Father Peter Bartolozzo, the parish exhibited a vibrant spirit of growth and development. This spirit was also fostered by the untiring work of Father Joseph Bizzotto and Father Joseph Spigilon.



Father Peter inspired and encouraged a flourishing Catholic Women's Club, Holy Name Society, and Christian Mothers and Tabernacle Society, and, last but not least, the Children of Mary. The Societies helped to make their pastor's fondest wishes come true when substantial building funds were raised through Penny Sales, Turkey Raffles, Spaghetti Suppers, Cake Sales, and all tyes of social functions.

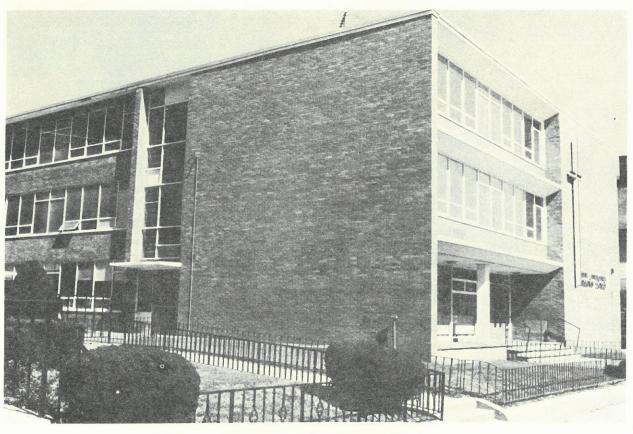
St. Anthony's teams on all levels became leading contenders in the C.Y.O. Deanery Championships. The drill team brought home

trophy upon trophy until they were proclaimed one of the best in the deanery.

The "Sunday School", through the efforts of its very capable principal approached the professionalism of an organized school. For the first time permanent records, grade placement, report cards, and a Special Needs class were introduced.



The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, led by devoted men and women who contributed their time unselfishly, were important in the moral development of the children of St. Anthony.



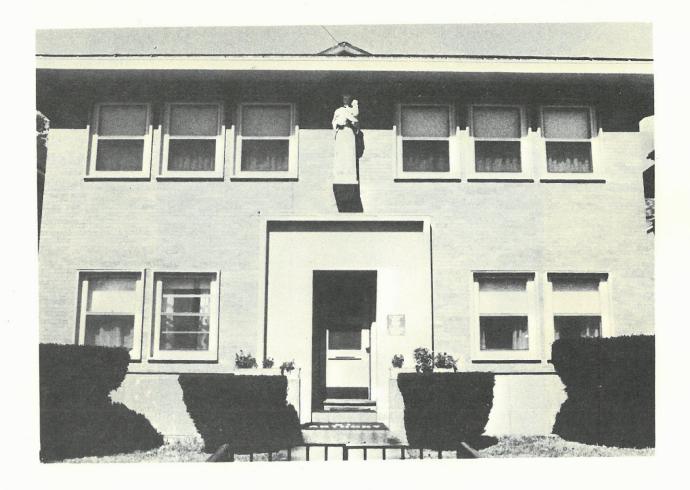
Under the leadership of Father Peter Bortolazzo, the dream of a Parochial School became a reality, but, at first, with less enthusiasm. Only with the persuasiveness of the late Cardinal Cushing, did the drive acquire momentum. And, as before, in a short time all debts were paid. The people of St. Anthony's again exhibited their zeal.



The Sisters of St. Francis of Allegany were invited to staff the parish school in 1958. They have served the educational and spiritual needs of the children ever since.

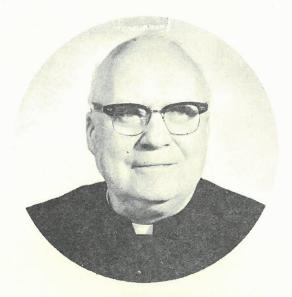
The first principal was Sr. Marie Concepta (1958-1962). She was followed by Sr. Margaret Anthony (1962-1968), and Sr. Helen Roberts (1968-1974). Since 1974, Sr. Catherine Campbell has served ably as the School's Principal.

The Principals have directed a very dedicated staff of teachers both religious and lay. Thanks to them the school has prospered and many children have enjoyed the benefits.



Shortly after the completion of the school, a new rectory was built. It was dedicated in 1962.

The years of the sixties saw changes. Father Peter was transferred to Utica to become pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Father Spigalon left for his year's assignment in Rome and Father Bizzotto assumed his duties as pastor of St. Michael's in New Haven.



St. Anthony's first curate, Father William Pizzoglio, returned to St. Anthony's to succeed Father Peter. Under his leadership, funds were collected, and a new convent was built. During his tenure as pastor, the fortieth anniversary of the parish was celebrated.

For the second time, the parish received the joyful news that another one of her priests was honored. In 1964 Father Joseph Spigilon was appointed to the position of Provincial of the Eastern Province.

The sixties also saw changes taking place as a result of Vatican II. The Latin language was replaced by English. The priest celebrated Holy Mass facing the people. The altar was moved closer to the congregation. The people began to take an active part in the Liturgy in prayer and song.

Father Joseph Scopa, the new pastor arrived in September, 1968. His task seemed an insurmountable one, that of implementing the decrees of Vatican II. From the beginning,



Father Joseph stressed the fact that the lay members of the parish should assume a greater responsibility for their parish. The rectory became an extension of each parishioner's home. It became the center of countless meetings.

Adult Education courses were conducted and people were encouraged truly to live according to the "Good News." Father Joseph firmly taught that "we are the church — a community of the people of God." Family dinners and coffee served after Mass helped foster a new togetherness.

The School of Religion became a very important part in the life of every child. Spiritual development was provided for children of all ages. Visual aides and innovative techniques were used to instruct the old and the young the dogmas of the Catholic faith. St. Anthony's became known as the "singing Church of Everett".

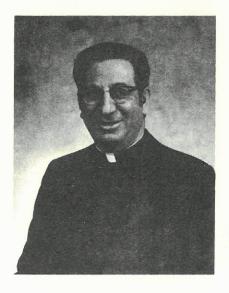
Father Joseph remained steadfast to his philosophy, "God Will Provide", when he made the momentous decision to keep St. Anthony School open.

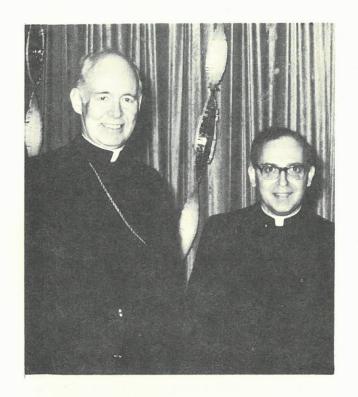
During the seventies, St. Anthony's had many priests — Father Ignatius Batteglia,

Father Peter Bennett, Father Joseph Berton, Father Michael Tarro, Father Mario Tittotto, and Father Mario Tardivo. All were a welcome addition to the parish. Each one generously served the parishioners and left his own mark on us. Father Tardivo continues to serve us in our many daily needs.

In 1973, Almighty God called Thomas Marchant to serve Him in a special way. Tom became a member of the first permanent diaconate class. He was ordained at the Cathedral on May 22, 1976. On Sunday, May 23, with hearts bursting with pride, the congregation attended Mass where Tom exercised his diaconate for the first time. To mark this happy event a reception was held in his honor. As was expected, the Church hall was filled to overflowing as all extended to Tom their good wishes. Tom has prepared himself for a life of Christian Service, and Serve he does!

On February 1, 1978, Father Scopa left for Rhode Island to assume his duties as pastor of St. Rocco's Church having faithfully served the people of St. Anthony's. He had devoutly and painstakingly led the parish through those difficult transitional years after the decrees of the Council.





The parishioners on Sunday morning February 5, 1978, welcomed Father Michael Tarro, as their new pastor. Here was one of their own priests returning to be pastor. In March, at the request of Bishop Mulcahy, the regional Bishop, Father Michael was canonically installed.

God has truly blessed the parish by calling two from the community to serve Him in the Priesthood: Father Carlo Birarelli and Father Mario Moscaritolo. Father Carlo is presently serving in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Father Mario in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Social life of the parish must not be forgotten. Carnivales, the dances, the suppers, the burning of the mortgages, the picnics, the receptions, and bazaars are fondly remembered by all who attended.



Vatican II continues to exert its influence in the daily life of all. The laity participate more fully in the liturgy. Lay men and women are lectors at Mass and serve as special ministers distributing Holy Communion. Parents who wish the Baptism of their children must now take an active part in the Sacrament. St. Anthony's readily adapted itself to the new right of penance and the option of receiving communion in the hand.

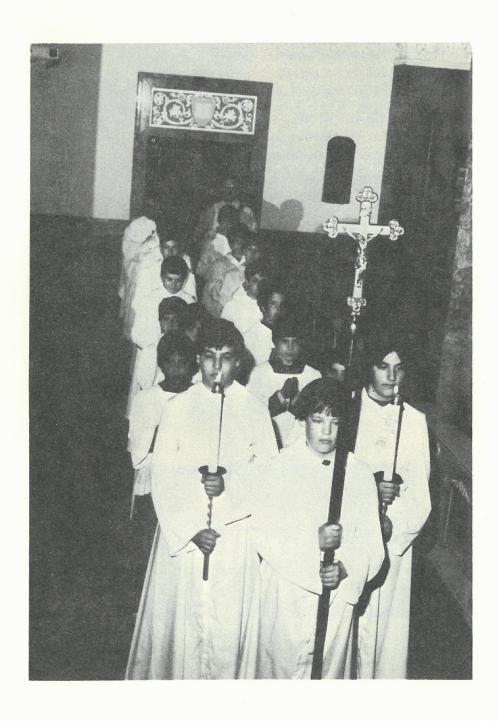
St. Anthony's Golden Jubilee is a tribute to God for His many Blessings and His Divine Guidance. But, the history of St. Anthony's is not finished. This generation and those to come must continue on with the same spirit as did the humble Italian immigrants who had their dream become a reality.



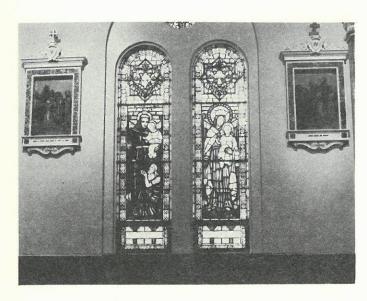
As we consider the 50 years that have passed and the growth that our parish has made, it is fitting that in a humble way we should thank God for His many blessings and guidance.

We have inherited much because of God's Help, and the great sacrifices of those who preceded us. Now it is our responsibility to pass on this legacy. May we all share an active part in the future and be worthy of the trust we have received from the past.

May God continue to bless our parish, and most humbly we thank Him.



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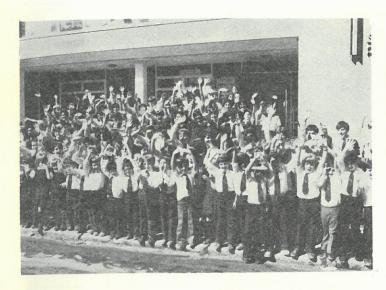
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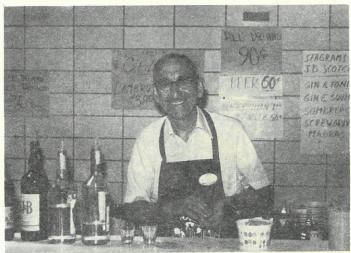
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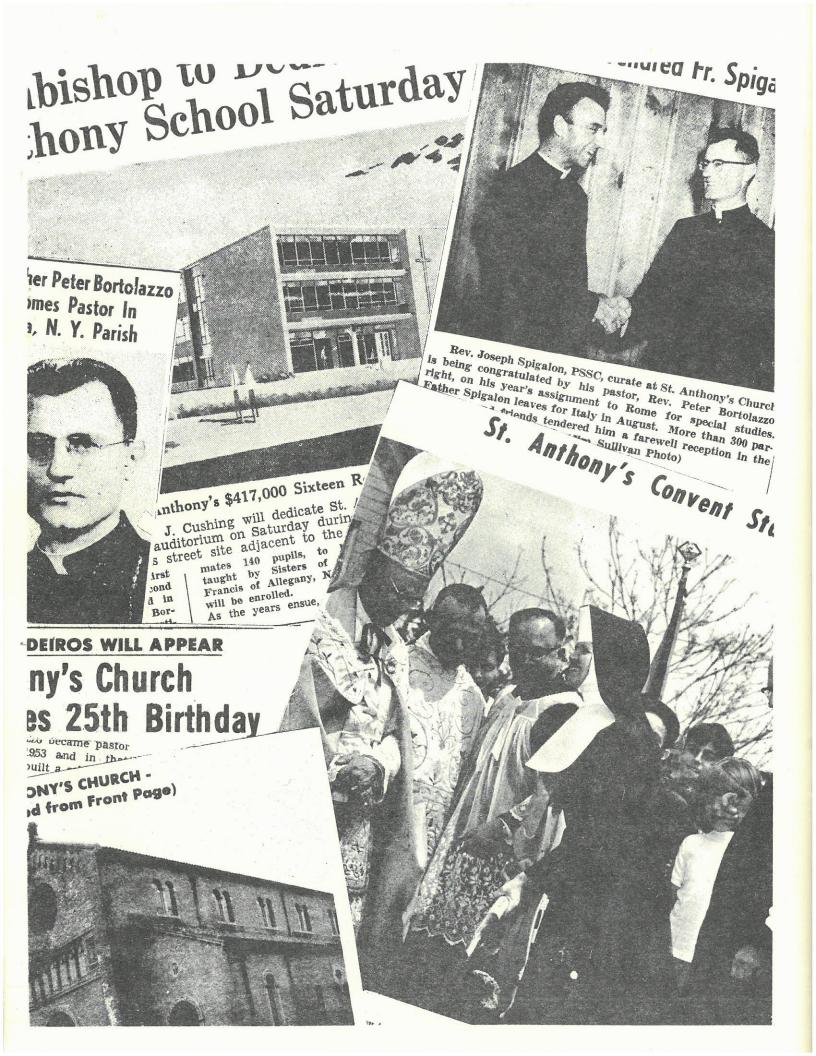














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Novena to St. Anthony

Prayer

I salute thee with all my heart: I salute thee a thousand times, O Saint Anthony. Thou art a chosen vessel of divine grace. Jesus is with thee, Thou art blessed as the most admirable son of the Seraphic Father, Francis. Remember, O remember miraculous saint, that thou never failest to help and console him who invokes thee in his need. Animated with great confidence and the certitude of not praying in vain, I have recourse to thee, who art so rich in grace, and the most fortunate friend of the Infant Jesus.

O Saint Anthony, Saint of miracles; Saint of help; I also, have need of thy assistance; I have need of this special favor (mention favor).

Therefore, console me in my present necessity and give me the help that, with full confidence, I hope for, whilst I promise an offering for Saint Anthony's bread for the poor.

Bless me, O great Saint in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHIESA DI S. ANTONIO

Everett, Mass.

Novena a S. Antonia

Preghiera

O Gran Santo, chiamato comunemente il Santo di Padova, ma degno di essere nominato il Santo di tutto il mondo, perche' in ogni terra si onora il vostro Nome ed il vostro merito, e tanti aliari si innalzano al vostro nome, quanti sono i cuori degli uomini, deli non disdegnate di ricevere anche i piccoli tributi della nostra devozione e d'accoglierci sotto il vostro patrocinio. Voi, che di frequente stringeste fra la vostre braccia il celeste Bambino, e ve l'accostaste al seno ricondu cetelo nei nostri cuori, donde tante volte lo abbiamo scacciato peccando, ma ricondu cetelo in maniera che non parta mai piu', dandoci perseveranza in servirlo e gratitudine in riamarlo.